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Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executives Advisory Committees

The Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and the Court Executives Advisory Committee advise the Judicial Council on issues and proposals affecting the administration of justice. By regularly monitoring areas of continuing significance to the judicial system and providing constructive input and recommendations, these committees play a crucial role in ensuring the participation of trial courts in the council's decision-making process.

Mission

The goals of the committees are to convey the perspective of the trial courts to the Judicial Council, facilitate communications between the Judicial Council and the trial courts, and provide a forum for court leaders to participate in the creation of policies that affect the trial courts.

Duties and Responsibilities

These two advisory committees conduct both separate and joint business meetings, in person, by videoconference, and by teleconference. Their duties and responsibilities include

- Identifying issues of concern to the courts;
- Facilitating communications between the council and the trial courts;
- Reviewing and commenting on proposals involving legislation, rules, forms, standards, and studies;
- Reviewing and commenting on policy recommendations related to court administration; and
- Making recommendations concerning education and training programs for judicial officers and court administration staff.

Structures

The Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee is composed of the presiding judges of the superior courts in all 58 counties. An 18-member executive committee may act on behalf of the full committee between meetings.

The Court Executives Advisory Committee consists of 19 members, including 17 trial court executive officers, an appellate court clerk/administrator, and an at-large member from the trial courts.

Subcommittees and working groups are convened as needed to assist the two committees in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. Joint working groups have been established in the areas of legislation, rules, and issues meeting planning.

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Additional resources:

Committee rosters: www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/advisorycommittees.htm